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ATTENTION! Please STOP!
**Consumers of tattooing, cosmetic tattooing, body piercing, and
various forms of body modification.**

The Body Art Education Alliance (BAEA) supports the current guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for preventing the spread and infection of COVID-19. Your health and well-being are of utmost importance and we do not support performing or receiving body art procedures during the pandemic.

Be aware:

- COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that can be spread through inhalation and contact.
- COVID-19 can be spread through inhalation of airborne droplets and even without symptoms an infected person can carry or spread COVID-19 for up to 14 days.
- COVID-19 can contaminate surfaces for various periods of time: Cardboard- 24 hours, Cloth- 2 days, Stainless steel- 3 days, Plastic- 3 days, Glass- 4 days, and Paper money- 4 days. Surfaces should be cleaned and sanitized between contact with different people.
- Body Art procedures cannot be safely performed within the CDC's recommendations for maintaining social distancing while avoiding person-to-person contact during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

We urge you not to take the risk and to stay home. Do not have body art procedures performed during the pandemic.

Please do not ask your artist to operate outside of their studio. Performing body art procedures from home is illegal in some states and counties; studios will be able to resume body art services when restrictions are lifted.

You are encouraged to continue supporting your artists by purchasing merchandise, gift certificates, or jewelry.

Remember that we are all in this together. By doing our part, we will help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,
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ATTENTION BODY ARTISTS! Please STOP performing body art procedures during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Body Art Education Alliance (BAEA) supports the current guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for preventing the spread and infection of COVID-19. Avoid unnecessary risk and please, stop performing body art procedures until health authorities declare the pandemic under control and the danger has subsided. The BAEA recommends until regulators have approved a return to business following current CDC guidelines.

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The basic guidelines to prevent COVID-19 exposure, spread, and infection are as follows:

- **Social Distancing** – maintain the use of the 6-foot person to person guidelines recommended by the CDC.
- **Clean Your Hands Often** – wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 30 seconds. If soap and water is not readily available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol and be sure to rub your hands together until completely dry.
- **Wear A Mask** - cover your mouth and nose with a mask in compliance with current CDC suggestions.
- **Cover Coughs and Sneezes** - cough or sneeze into your shirt, elbow, or a tissue. A sneeze can travel up to 6 feet and this virus can remain contagious for up to 3 hours in the air. Immediately following coughs and sneezes, clean your hands.

Clean and Disinfect Surfaces -

Clean dirty surfaces with a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfecting. Disinfect with appropriate disinfecting chemicals for the surface. Remember that some chemicals should never be mixed because they can react to produce a toxic, or deadly compound, or result in other undesirable consequences. Examples of surfaces include phones, faucets, sinks, door knobs, countertops, light switches, etc.

As body art practitioners, be aware that we cannot perform our work while also adhering to these safety guidelines. Remember that we are all in this together. We are responsible for protecting ourselves and our clients. By doing our part, we will help slow the spread of the COVID-19 and get back to work as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Members of the Body Art Education Alliance (BAEA)

- <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>
- <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/PPP--Fact-Sheet.pdf>